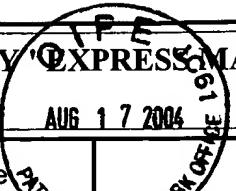


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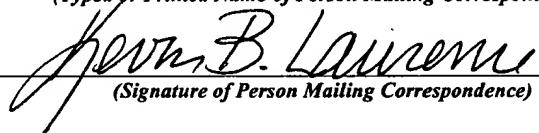
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Responsive to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks herein. Additionally, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in the event that any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application is found, which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, or which is susceptible to being overcome by means of an Examiner's Amendment.

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